Supporting effective school council practices and demonstrating how parent engagement can enhance school improvement strategies, and ultimately student success, is at the core of all ASCA efforts.

Formed in 1929, the primary focus of the Alberta School Council's Association (ASCA) has been to encourage parent engagement in education at the local, jurisdictional, and provincial levels.

Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of parents of students in K-12 public, separate, charter or francophone schools, the Association invests all assets into achieving its <u>Vision</u>: A respected and empowered school council in every Alberta school.

ASCA <u>represents</u> approximately 1200 school councils and their members at provincial-level advisory meetings with education partners, stakeholders, and the Ministry of Education.

ASCA provides professional development materials, <u>publications</u>, resources, and <u>learning opportunities</u> to school councils, school divisions, administrators, trustees, and partner organizations.

ENGAGE. EMPOWER. ADVOCATE

ENGAGE

ASCA promotes and supports greater parental engagement, reinforcing the expectations of the Assurance Framework, through school councils, within Alberta's education system. Activities: E-News, website, social media, events.



EMPOWER

ASCA builds capacity in parents and principals on school councils, along with other members of education communities, by providing skill development, resources, and materials to enable them to understand and enact, in alignment with the Assurance Framework, their legislated roles and responsibilities in Alberta's schools.

Activities: Learning Opportunities, online resources, written and verbal conversations.

ADVOCATE

ASCA contributes to Assurance in Alberta's education system by bringing a "parents' perspective" through school councils on provincial education issues to government and other education organizations.

Activities: Surveys, emails, conversations, AGM, Conference networking, School Council Engagement Task Force (SCETF), stakeholder/partner events and meetings.

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